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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the enlargement of the Community to include
Spain and Portugal

The European Parliament,

- recalling that in 1977 the Portuguese Republic and the Kingdom of Spain formally applied for accession to the European Economic Community,
 - having regard to the increase in existing problems which this second enlargement will inevitably entail, in particular those concerning the common agricultural policy, especially as regards Mediterranean products, the industrial policy, the Mediterranean policy and the social and regional policies,
 - whereas the Commission has proposed appropriate special measures in its reports in order to prepare the applicant countries as thoroughly as possible for their role as Member States,
 - whereas such a policy involving a 'wide-ranging and courageous programme' was favourably received by the Member States and the applicant countries, on condition that account was taken of the interests of all the parties concerned,
 - noting, however, that in the past such Community measures have only very rarely been adopted,
 - noting that the parties had not submitted all their studies and conclusions concerning the specific problems posed by the enlargement of the Community by the deadline they had set themselves,
 - fearing, therefore, that the forthcoming negotiations will not be conducted under optimum conditions and that it will not be possible to respect the proposed timetable,
 - taking the view that recent developments and declarations have shaken the trust which the applicant countries had put in the good will of the Community,
 - pointing out that there are important political grounds for enabling these democratic applicant countries to become an integral part of the European Community,
 - referring to the need for the European Community to demonstrate its firm resolve to allow the applicant countries to become members of the Community at the earliest possible opportunity,
 - convinced that it is vital for all the parties involved to continue the actual negotiations in the most favourable conditions possible,
1. Calls on the Community to open a consultation procedure with the applicant countries with a view to reducing any existing disparity between their economic and sectoral policies and those of the Community;
 2. Calls on the Community to involve the applicant countries as much as possible during the negotiations in all the decisions to be taken regarding their future membership of the Community and in those which will affect them once they have become members of the Community, especially with respect to social policy, industrial policy, the reform of the common agricultural policy, Mediterranean policy and the agricultural policy in respect of Mediterranean products;
 3. Calls on the Foreign Ministers to allow the applicant countries to participate as full or associate partners in consultations on political cooperation held during the negotiations;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the relevant report to the Council, Commission, the governments of the Member States and the governments of the applicant countries.